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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to Office Action mailed July 24, 2008 (Paper No. 20080718). Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on January 26, 2009.

Applicants petition for a five-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.